1983 No. 33

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*4th March 1983*
Coming into operation	*1st April 1983*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98, 106 and 107 of and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) For regulation 18 there shall be substituted:

"(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation the amount of the charge which an optician shall be entitled to make and recover from the patient in respect of the supply of—

(*a*) any lens described in column (1) of Part I of Schedule 3 shall subject to sub-paragraph (*d*) be the amount set out in column (2), (3) or (4) of that Part as the case may require according to the variation of that description given at the head of the said column (2), (3) or (4);

(*b*) any lens described in column (1) of Part II of Schedule 3 shall subject to sub-paragraph (*d*) be the amount set out in column (2) or (3) of that Part as the case may require according to the variation of that description given at the head of the said column (2) or (3);

(*c*) any lens described in column (1) of Part III of Schedule 3 shall subject to sub-paragraph (*d*) be the amount set out in column (2) of that Part in respect of such lens;

(*d*) any lens described in column (1) of Part IV of Schedule 3 shall be increased by the amount set out in column (2) or (3) in respect thereof according to the variation of that description given at the head of the said column (2) or (3) as the case may require;

(*e*) frames, shall be an amount equal to the current specified cost.

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the supply, to persons who at the time of the testing of sight leading to the supply of the optical appliance or of

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(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)
(**b**) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1975 No. 372: The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1977 No. 80, S.R. 1981 No. 60 and S.R. 1982 No. 61

the first such testing were under 16 years of age, or were under 19 years of age and receiving qualifying full-time education, of optical appliances where the standard type of children's frame as described in the Statement is used;

(2) Where more than one pair of lenses is supplied following a new prescription or a change of prescription the charge for each lens supplied after the first two shall be reduced by 95p.

(3) The maximum amount of the charge in respect of the supply of any lens pursuant to sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*d*) of paragraph 1 shall be £15.50.

(4)(*a*) The optician shall secure, on a form to be provided for the purpose by the Agency, an acknowledgement by the person to be supplied with an optical appliance, or some other person competent to act on his behalf of his obligation to pay the said charge.

(*b*) The optician shall send the said acknowledgement to the Agency.

(*c*) On receipt of any sum paid under this regulation, the optician shall give an acknowledgement of the receipt on a form to be provided for the purpose by the Agency.

(5) Any sum which but for this regulation would have been payable by the Agency to the optician in respect of the supply of optical appliances shall be reduced by the amount payable by virtue of this regulation."

(2) For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted:

"SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 18

OPTICAL APPLIANCES

PART I

Single-Vision Glass Lenses (Curved or Flat)

(1) *Spherical Power (plus or minus)*	(2) *Spherical*	(3) *Cylindrical or Sphero-cylindrical Cylindrical Power (plus or minus)*	
		0.25 to 2.00	*2.25 or more*
Plano to 2.00	£4.00	£4.45	£5.65
2.25 to 4.00	£4.15	£4.65	£6.10
4.25 to 6.00	£4.35	£5.25	£6.55
6.25 or more	£7.00	£8.05	£8.95

PART II

Solid Glass Bifocal Lenses

(1) *Segment Size*	(2) *Spherical*	(3) *Astigmatic*
38 mm	£11.65	£12.70
45 mm	£14.05	£15.10
22 mm	£15.50	£15.50